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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 8-14, 21 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-14, 23, 25, 26 and 28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 8, 9, 22, 24 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Claims 1-7 and 15-21 have been cancelled.

Claims 10-14, 23, 25-26 and 28 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 C.F.R. 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species. Election of Species E was made without traverse in Paper No. 6.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 8-9, 24, 22 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Best et al in view of Ishiwata et al. Best et al show a valve between a high pressure pump and a sump which in Figure 3 is shown with an annular seating area bounded by a step, formed at the right most end of 33, and a tapered portion which is read as being configured to avoid cavitation. Best et al do not use a spring. Ishiwata et al show a biased open valve with spring 40. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used such a spring in the valve of best to assist fluid pressure in opening the valve.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Fox whose telephone number is 571-272-4912. The examiner can normally be reached on Increased Flextime.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blau Stephen can be reached on 571-272-4406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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